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SUBJECT: FAO DESIGNS ON WORLD FOOD PROGRAM

1. WHEN U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO DISCUSSED FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL SAOUMA'S CURRENT EMPIRE-BUILDING MOVES, WITH RESPECT TO WFC SECRETARIAT AND IFAD, WITH SELECTED OECD/DAC COUNTRY COLLEAGUES, TWO OF THEM SAID SAOUMA HAD MADE REMARKS TO THEM ALONG THESE LINES AND HAD ALSO TOLD THEM HE THOUGHT WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP) SHOULD BE INTEGRATED INTO FAO, UNDER ONE OF ITS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERALS.

2. NEITHER OF THESE COLLEAGUES HAD ANTICIPATED SAOUMA'S CURRENT PROPOSALS TO GROUP 77, DESPITE HIS REMARKS TO THEM. THIS LATEST INFORMATION ON HIS THINKING ABOUT WORLD FOOD PROGRAM SHOULD ALERT US TO POSSIBLE SAOUMA DEMARCHES AGAINST WFP, DEPENDING ON OUTCOME OF HIS CURRENT EFFORTS RE WFC RULES OF PROCEDURE AND IFAD.VOLPE

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